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Editorial

This special issue of the journal "Nachrichten des entomologischen Vereins Apollo" is dedicated to the memory of Werner THOMAS, who died far too early. The society Entomologischer Verein Apollo intends to publish at least some part of his inheritance in form of three papers which were begun by him and finished by friends. Further, 9 scientific papers written by 11 international authors are printed here in dedication to him.

A short biography, a compilation of Werner THOMAS' scientific publications, a list of the new taxa introduced into science by him, and notes on the whereabouts of his collections are given as a documentation of his work. His daughter Kerstin THOMAS extracted details from Werner's travel diaries, giving information about collecting dates and localities and entomological field observations.

Finally, it is my personal wish to dedicate this special issue to an outstanding entomologist and a good friend of mine.

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